

A scanning electron micrograph (SEM) showing a large, textured, brownish cell on the left side of the frame. The cell's surface is covered with numerous small, reddish-brown granules. Scattered throughout the dark background and on the cell's surface are numerous bright blue, spherical particles of varying sizes, representing coronavirus particles. Some particles are clustered together, while others are isolated. The overall scene is set against a dark, almost black background.

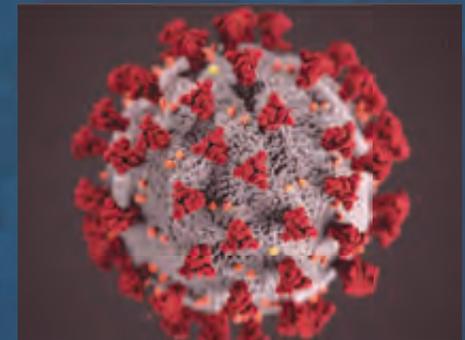
# CORONAVIRUS *PANDEMIC*

AT THE BEGINNING OF 2020, FEW KNEW THE SEVERITY OF COVID-19 – HARDLY ANYONE EVEN KNEW WHAT IT WAS. BUT, WITHIN THE FIRST FEW MONTHS OF THE YEAR, COVID-19 HAD SERIOUSLY IMPACTED ALL WALKS OF LIFE: ECONOMICS, BUSINESS, SOCIAL LIVES AND, OF COURSE, EDUCATION. IN THE COMING PAGES, TAKE AN IN-DEPTH LOOK AT THE INTERNATIONAL IMPACT OF THE PANDEMIC, AS WELL AS A PERSONAL LOOK AT HOW IT CHANGED ALL OF OUR LIVES.

# WHAT IS CORONAVIRUS?

COVID-19 (CO: CORONA, VI: VIRUS, D: DISEASE, 19: 2019) IS A HIGHLY INFECTIOUS DISEASE, CLASSIFIED AS A CORONAVIRUS, WHICH IS GIVEN ITS NAME FOR ITS DISTINCT MICROSCOPIC CROWN APPEARANCE. SYMPTOMS INCLUDE DRY COUGHING, HIGH FEVER, AND – IN SOME EXTREME CASES – DIFFICULTY BREATHING.

CORONAVIRUSES ARE ZONOTIC, MEANING THEY CAN BE TRANSMITTED BETWEEN ANIMALS AND PEOPLE. THEY MUTATE REGULARLY, AND OFTEN DEVELOP INTO LESS DANGEROUS VERSIONS OF THEMSELVES.



Source: [jbsa.mil/News/Photos/igsearch/Coronavirus/](https://jbsa.mil/News/Photos/igsearch/Coronavirus/)

DECEMBER 31, 2019

FIRST CASES ANNOUNCED IN CHINA

JANUARY 20, 2020

FIRST DOCUMENTED CASE APPEARS IN U.S.

MARCH 10, 2020

STUDENT ABROAD PROGRAMS ARE CANCELED



KELLY SIDNEY

STUDIED ABROAD IN FLORENCE, ITALY

KELLY SIDNEY (STUDIO ARTS '21) WAS STUDYING ABROAD IN ITALY WHEN A STATE OF EMERGENCY WAS DECLARED. HER STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM WAS CANCELED. ON MAR. 2, MATT FARREN (SCREENWRITING '21) INTERVIEWED SIDNEY WHILE SHE WAITED TO FLY HOME.

*How did you find out that the program was canceled?* I got an email. Honestly, it was somewhat vague, but in the next coming days they kind of broke down how this would all work out. We're going to be doing our classes online remotely because they sent us all home ... to our hometowns. We're going to be doing everything from across the country ... I'm in a drawing class so I'm really entertained to see how that'll happen. They actually haven't canceled a Gonzaga study abroad program in 30 years.

*Did LMU have some sort of contingency plan for all the students they had to send home?* The students were told to just switch their flights and if they had any

charges or fees to send them to the school, so I assume the school will be reimbursing for that. I had to change my flight and there was a fee — the airline would not waive it. I think the school will help take care of it ... We actually got the news when we were on spring break, so [some students] didn't actually come back to Florence at all and they're having the school ship their stuff back to them.

*Do you have any highlight memories that you're going to be taking away from the situation?* I know that sometimes study abroad [gets] a little bit of a bad rap for being too emphasized on travel, but I just really think getting to go around Europe was an exceptional

experience because once you're over here and you get that whole United States-to-Europe flight done, traveling around Europe is so much more accessible and affordable and most things are a two- or three-hour flight away. I got to go to Paris with my friends and we got to see all the culture there. We did Budapest. I had a trip to Germany planned, but unfortunately that one's not going to work out because it was [supposed to be] in April. I did go to Venice, I went to Sicily and I went to Rome as well, so I feel fulfilled. I, of course, wish I had that extra month and a half but it was really a great experience regardless.

# MARCH 7, 2020

## STUDENTS CREATE PETITION



RAVEN YAMAMOTO  
JOURNALISM '21

RAVEN YAMAMOTO (JOURNALISM '21) TAKES ACTION. AFTER A CAMPUS-WIDE EMAIL FROM TIMOTHY LAW SNYDER, PH.D., ANNOUNCING THE MOVE TO ONLINE LEARNING, YAMAMOTO DRAFTED A PETITION, ALONG WITH A FEW FRIENDS, TO DEMAND AID FROM THE SCHOOL. THE PETITION GAINED POPULARITY, THOUGH IT WAS CRITICIZED BY SOME, INCLUDING STUDENTS AND FACULTY. MATT FARREN (SCREENWRITING '21) INTERVIEWED YAMAMOTO BY TELEPHONE TO GAIN INSIGHT INTO HER PERSPECTIVE.

*What was your passion and inspiration to take action?* I was with a group of friends and we were all just kind of venting about it: we were all just like, “What am I supposed to do? I have housing out here. This is the only place I can live, I don’t want to go home.” Some of us can’t really afford to make the trip home. My immediate thing was, “We need to write a letter, or we have to do something,” because a lot of people were feeling the same way. It was going down on social media: everyone was freaking out and having a meltdown honestly. So, I invited a few of my friends and was like, “We should write a petition. We should make sure we’re going to be taken care of at the end of this.” Because, it’s not going to look pretty for a lot of us. It might be easy for the University to kick

us out and say, “Okay, bye, figure it out,” but for us, there is so much more at risk. Not all of us are rich enough to handle an emergency like this.

*What do you think would be fair?* I think, at the very least, we should get our meal plans reimbursed, I think our housing that we’re not using for the rest of the semester should get reimbursed. I also think we should get some sort of tuition discount or something, because online learning is not the same as what we paid for, which was: in-class, intimate classroom-sized, hands-on learning experience in your field of choice, and we’re not getting that anymore. It’s not the University’s fault, but it’s how it happened, so I think those are the bare minimums of what we should be getting back...

*How has this pandemic felt personal to you?* I know for me, or for a lot of people, home isn’t necessarily good for them ... There are some households that aren’t accepting, there are some households that are less than ideal, and college is how some people escape that — I know that’s how I escape that. To have that cut short in a way, to have that stay cut short — it sucks. It’s like the one good thing that I’ve had, that I’ve been holding on to for the past three years, is being taken away from me, and I don’t know when I’m going to see it again. I think that’s what makes the pandemic personal: it’s like watching one of my homes get ripped away from me.

# MARCH 11, 2020

## WHO DECLARES GLOBAL PANDEMIC

**MARCH 10, 2020**

COACHELLA GETS POSTPONED

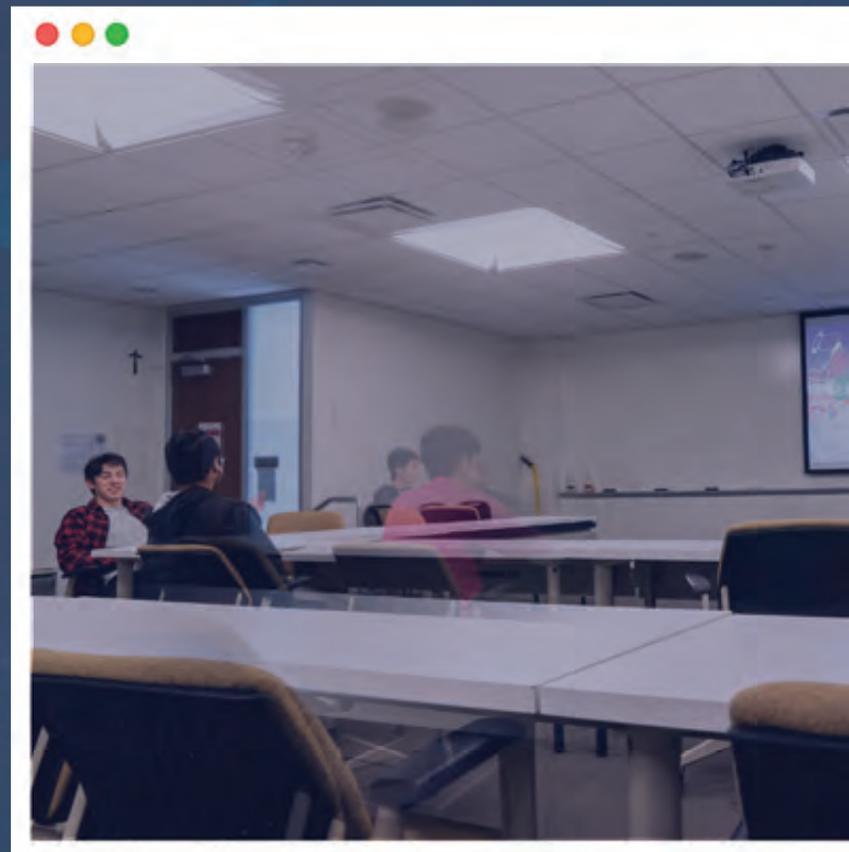
LMU ANNOUNCES ONLINE CLASSES FOR TWO WEEKS

**MARCH 13, 2020**

LMU GOES ONLINE FOR  
REMAINDER OF SEMESTER

MOST STUDENTS ARE  
FORCED TO MOVE OUT  
OF CAMPUS HOUSING

ALL ON-CAMPUS EVENTS  
ARE CANCELED



# CAMPUS IS CLOSED.

**AS CONCERNS** over the COVID-19 virus shut down campus, students were sent packing and returning home for the remainder of the semester. Students living on campus had one week to move out before campus closed on March 22.

There were mixed feelings among students about having to leave campus and practice social distancing in order to prevent the spread of the virus.

“Moving out of my dorm last week left me feeling sad and disoriented. I was disappointed and frustrated because I felt like a part of my freshman experience had been robbed from me,” said Obi Ugorji, a freshman international relations major. “I felt as if I was moving out of a place that I just moved into.”

Most colleges and universities, including USC and UCLA, also closed their campuses for the rest of the spring semester. Some campuses, like Cal Poly SLO, remained open while classes moved online.

An LMU “community member” tested positive for COVID-19, according to an alert sent out by the University. The individual was reported to be self-isolating off-campus. The exposure was

believed to be “very limited,” according to the same alert.

Throughout the U.S., restaurants, bars and other places where people gather were closed. Multiple counties in the Bay Area ordered residents to shelter themselves in their homes, according to the San Francisco Chronicle.

“It may not be pleasant for the average, healthy 20-something college student forced to shack back up with their parents in the middle of the semester, but it isn’t about us,” said Mykelpatrick Hayes, a sophomore screenwriting major from Pleasanton, California, one of the cities placed under a shelter-in-place order. “For the sake of those most affected by the pandemic, the elderly, the young and the immune compromised, this was definitely the right move.”

Maya Singh, a sophomore English major and Dance minor from Santa Clara, California, said at first she was upset at having to go home, but then realized that it was the best way to keep everyone safe. “I’m glad we’re on shutdown. I’d really like for people to stop dying. And it’s frustrating that that’s somehow controversial,” said Singh.

Both Hayes and Singh said they were

concerned for family members who are elderly and/or immunocompromised but feel glad people are staying home to hinder the virus spreading further.

Madison LeNoir-Irwin, a freshman marketing and Spanish double major from Oakland, California, expressed frustration toward the University for the period of time allotted for move-out. “They should have or should still extend the move-out date considering people like myself, who live in Bay Area, are not allowed to leave their house unless they need essential supplies,” she said. “It’s been an additional source of stress for me and my family.”

The Westchester campus was reduced to essential services, while the Playa Vista campus and the Loyola Law School campus remained open only to faculty with access and essential staff. Students living on campus were able to submit petitions by Mar. 17 to stay for the remainder of the semester. ///

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**MARCH 14, 2020**

FIRST CASE OF AN LMU  
COMMUNITY MEMBER  
WITH CORONAVIRUS

# MARCH 13, 2020

## AN ITALIAN PERSPECTIVE



MARIA VITTORIA CONTI  
FILM AND TELEVISION PRODUCTION '21

MARIA VITTORIA CONTI (FILM AND TELEVISION PRODUCTION '21), A RESIDENT OF BUSTO ARSIZIO, ITALY, WAS IN LOS ANGELES WHEN SHE HEARD THAT LARGE REGIONS OF HER HOME COUNTRY WERE BEING QUARANTINED. HER CITY, JUST NORTH OF MILAN, WAS AFFECTED HEAVILY BY THE PANDEMIC. MATT FARREN (SCREENWRITING '21) CONDUCTED A PHONE INTERVIEW WITH VITTORIA CONTI OVER SPRING BREAK, ON MAR. 13.

***What is happening in Italy that hasn't been presented in the media?***

I feel like some media is good and they're saying things like, "Italy is in this situation, there's intensive care, but the problem is that the hospitals are overflowing." Other media are saying that, "They're exaggerating a bit too much, it's just a flu." The problem is that—yes, it is [like] a flu—but from what my friends and my family back home that have been telling me ... our hospital has become only coronavirus. My sister has a friend that is [pregnant]. They had to move her to another hospital. Even if it's a virus that doesn't kill you, there's not enough places to treat everybody. The only way they can treat it is with lung ventilators and all of Italy there [are] 3,000. The people infected are 10,000. The youngest and the ones that are the healthiest get the treatment so they can get better immediately, but so many elders or people that suffer pre-existing conditions are

not in line. That's why the deaths are increasing.

***Do you have any comments about how people are treating this on a personal level?*** From my Italian side, I'm really happy with what's happening. Everybody's posting, "Lo resto a casa," which is like, "I'm staying home." Everybody's on that side. In the beginning people were not paying attention to this matter, still going out, partying and not thinking of the issue, but now there's a situation. Social media has become a huge way to get money for it: all the influencers are raising money for the hospitals. So on a personal level, I'm glad. Everybody's doing their own: I see some of my friends are starting to cook ... so they don't get bored.

***Is there any way you would say that this huge moment feels personal to you?*** Incredibly personal. I'm from a city of 80,000 people and I can't believe that it's closed and

quarantined. It's scary because — first of all, my doctor at home, he contracted it and now he's in intensive care. A doctor, you know? Someone that is healthy. It's not just the flu. That makes me so mad! I see so many LMU students are posting on social media like, "Other stuff kills you easier," but I'm like, "Yeah but the problem right now is this one, so stay home and avoid it!" Everyone is thinking, "It's so cheap now to travel." I mean — don't travel! I think it's because they don't know. At LMU there's like five Italians, and I'm the only one from Northern Italy, so we're the ones who are talking about it the most. I sent my GoFundMe campaign to [coworkers] and some of my other friends in the school so they're getting to know a bit more, but if you don't follow the news as much I don't think you know exactly what's going on all the way in Europe.

**MARCH 18, 2020**

ALL NON-ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES  
IN L.A. COUNTY ARE CLOSED

MARCH 18, 2020

RIISING TO THE CHALLENGE: A MESSAGE  
TO STUDENTS FROM PRESIDENT  
TIMOTHY LAW SNYDER, PH.D.



*“WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER, AND WE WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO HELP ONE ANOTHER. IN MY LIFETIME, THE CONCEPT OF GLOBAL COMMUNITY HAS NEVER CARRIED MORE VIVID POTENTIAL. I BELIEVE THIS EXPERIENCE WILL DELIVER US TO A MORE EVOLVED WAY OF THINKING ABOUT OUR WORLD, AND ABOUT ONE ANOTHER. WE STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH EACH OF YOU. TOGETHER AS LIONS WE WILL EMERGE FROM THIS CRISIS STRONGER THAN EVER.”*

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LMU PRESIDENT